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SUBJECT: FRG PROPOSAL FOR CONTROL OF SOVIET MILITARY

ATTACHES IN FRG -- SITUATION REGARDING TIMING
OF EXCHANGE OF ATTACHES

REFS: (A) STATE 118914 DTG 141426Z MAY 76;

(B) BONN 5562 DTG 011750Z APR 76

SUMMARY: ALL THREE ALLIED EMBASSIES NOW HAVE REACTIONS
OF THEIR AUTHORITIES TO THE FRG PROPOSAL (REF B) ON
CONTROLS TO BE PLACED ON SOVIET-MILATTS IN FRG AND A
MEETING WAS HELD WITH FRG FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIALS
JULY 13 ON SUBJECT. GERMANS ALSO PROVIDED INFO ON
TIMING OF EXCHANGE. END SUMMARY.

1. ALLIED POSITION WAS UNANIMOUS IN ACCEPTING IN
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PRINCIPLE THE FRG PROPOSAL REGARDING CONTROLS ON SOVIET

MILITARY ATTACHES. US AND FRENCH REPS PARTICULARLY, AND UK REP TO LESSER DEGREE, ALSO REQUESTED AND URGED FRG TO RECONSIDER AND ALSO IMPOSE CONTROLS ON CIVILIAN SOVIET EMBASSY MEMBERS. ALLIED REPS MADE OBVIOUS POINTS RE LACK OF CONSISTENCY IN COVERAGE, LACK OF PROTECTION OF SENSITIVE AREAS, AND LACK OF RECIPROCITY IN USSR. FRENCH REP ALSO MADE POINT THAT FRG POSITION OFFERED USSR OPENING TO SEEK FROM WESTERN ALLIES A REDUCTION IN TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS.

2. FRG REPS ACCEPTED ALLIED POINTS AS VALID AND SAID THEY WOULD REPORT THEM ON UP SO MINISTER GENSCHER WOULD HAVE THE INFORMATION BEFORE HIM WHEN HE MADE THE FINAL DECISION. THEY COULD OFFER NO HOPE, HOWEVER, THAT THE FRG WOULD CHANGE ITS POSITION. THE SITUATION RE SOVIET CIVILIANS HAS EXISTED FOR 21 YEARS AND IT IS POLITICALLY IMPOSSIBLE NOW TO BEGIN IMPOSING RESTRICTIONS. PRESENT SYSTEM DOES NOT EVEN REQUIRE SOVIET TRAVELER TO PROVIDE PRECISE ITINERARY OR MODE OF TRAVEL, BUT ONLY INFORMATION ON DATES OF TRAVEL AND FINAL DESTINATION. IMPOSITION OF CONTROLS WOULD THUS BE SEEN AS MAJOR SHARPENING OF SITUATION AND THUS UNACCEPTABLE FROM POINT OF VIEW OF FRG-USSR RELATIONS. BONN WAS DENYING TRAVEL, HOWEVER, TO MEMBERS OF SOVIET EMBASSY WHO WERE KNOWN TO HAVE ENGAGED IN INCORRECT ACTIVITIES WHILE TRAVELING. FRG REPS CONFIRMED THAT THEIR OFFICIALS IN USSR WERE SUBJECT TO SAME TRAVEL CONTROLS AS US, UK, AND FRENCH.

3. FRG REPS REQUESTED INFO ON WHETHER US, UK, OR FRANCE HAD MADE ANY CHANGES IN THEIR TRAVEL CONTROLS ON SOVIETS AS RESULT OF THE APRIL 1974 ALTERATIONS IN THE USSR. ALLIED REPS SAID THEY WOULD INQUIRE.

4. FRG REPS PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION, WHICH

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THEY CHARACTERIZED AS SENSITIVE -- PLEASE PROTECT --
ON TIMING OF THE EXCHANGE OF FRG-USSR MILITARY
ATTACHES. THE USSR HAS NOT YET GIVEN FINAL REPLY TO
THE FRG SUGGESTION TO EXCHANGE ONE OFFICER IMMEDIATELY.
BONN HAS GIVEN AGREEMENT TO A USSR MAJOR GENERAL BUT
MOSCOW HAS NOT YET REPLIED TO FRG REQUEST FOR AGREEMENT
FOR A BRIGADIER GENERAL. BONN HAS INFORMED MOSCOW
THAT THE SOVIET MAJOR GENERAL COULD ARRIVE IN FRG AT
THE EARLIEST FOUR WEEKS AFTER AGREEMENT ON THE GERMAN
BRIGADIER GENERAL WAS RECEIVED. BEYOND THIS,
DISCUSSIONS ON HOW MANY AND THE BREAKDOWN BETWEEN
OFFICERS AND SUPPORTING STAFF ARE CONTINUING.

5. REGARDING THE QUESTIONS OF HOUSING AND OFFICE SPACE,
MOSCOW HAS PUT AT GERMAN DISPOSAL" SOME VERY
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UNATTRACTIVE SPACE, WHICH BONN HAS TAKEN NO DECISION
ON. THE SOVIETS HAVE REQUESTED THAT BONN MAKE
SUBSIDIZED PUBLIC HOUSING AVAILABLE TO ITS MILITARY,
WHICH THE FRG HAS REFUSED TO DO.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT PROVIDE INFO
REQUESTED BY FRG NOTED IN PARA 3 ABOVE.
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